

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: IRAQI ROAD DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) USDOC 23084, (B) BAGHDAD 1782 (NOTAL)  
(C) BAGHDAD 1823 (NOTAL)

1. NEITHER WE NOR YUGOSLAV COMMERICAL ATTACHE KNOWS OF ANY JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND IRAQI GOVERNMENT TO BID ON A CONSTRUCTION OF A 559 KILOMETER BAGHDAD-AKASHAT HIGHWAY. WE AGREE THAT THE MEED EXPORT (WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED) MUST HAVE CONFUSED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITH BAGHDAD-HUSAIBA-AKASHAT RAILWAY, AND BELIEVE THAT HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (REF A) DOES NOT EXIST. HOWEVER, THE IRAQI STATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS RECEIVED A CONTRACT TO BUILD A SPUR TO AKASHAT FROM THE NEW SUPER HIGHWAY (REPORTED REF C) WHICH WILL PASS ABOUT 150 KILOMETERS NORTH OF AKASHAT.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, CLOSING DATE FOR TWO-BILLION DOLLAR RAIL LINE FROM BAGHDAD TO HUSAIBA ON SYRIAN BORDER HAS ALREADY EXPIRED, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT YUGOSLAVS, BRAZILIANS AND INDIANS ARE AMONG THE BIDDERS. THIS RAIL LINE WILL HAVE A SPUR FROM QAIM TO AKASHAT.  
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